

Complete the on-line Baptism Registration Form so that you can set up your meeting (<https://airtable.com/appu7fEPh0iY5MzxH/shrd9dgEDRCUM8v2I>)

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 2024

Gather with other parents and share faith and life experiences. This ninety-minute session looks at the meaning of Baptism. These sessions are on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm, and are held in person or via Zoom. Our hope is that you feel welcomed and are able to share with others the joy of preparing for your child's Baptism.

## PARENT BAPTISMAL INFORMATION SESSION

Please register on-line via AirTable

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date : Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:00 pm

## PARENT & GODPARENT PREPARATION

Please register on-line.

**Sessions begin promptly at 7:15 pm  
in the Church/Zoom (\*)**

January 9

February 13

March 12\*

April 9

May 14

June 11\*

July 9

August 13\*

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10\*

\* Zoom only

(Dates subject to change)

**Note: Zoom is offered only to  
Parents/Godparents who are  
located outside of South Pasadena  
and their local Parish does NOT  
offer the class.**

## PARENT & GODPARENT SESSION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

In Person in the Church  
(or Via Zoom)

## SATURDAY (\*) & SUNDAY DATES FOR INFANT BAPTISMS

January 14, 20\*, 28

February 11

No Baptisms during Lent

(2/14/2024 - 4/7/2024)

April 14, 28

May 19

June 15\*, 23

July 13\*, 21

August 11, 17\*, 25

September 8, 14\*

October 6, 20, 27

November 16\*, 24

December 8, 15, 21\*

**\* Saturday Baptism begin at 10 am**

**\*\* Saturday Baptism begin at 9 am**

**Sunday Baptisms begin at 2 pm.**

There are no limitations to the number of attendees. Baptisms are approximately one hour in duration.

## BAPTISMAL DATE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Baptisms begin promptly in the Church. Please  
arrive 15 minutes prior to the Baptism.

## BAPTIZING YOUR BABY IN 2024



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit*

Holy Family Church  
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HOLY FAMILY is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need.

*“Let the children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” (Mark 10:14)*

Congratulations and blessings on the birth of your child. Baptism is the beginning of the journey of faith for your child. No one has more influence on a child's growing sense of God and the Catholic faith community than the child's parents. At Baptism, the faith is proclaimed for infants by

their parents and godparents who represent the Church. Through Baptism, your child becomes part of our faith community in the Catholic church. Through your teaching example, your child will grow to become a follower of



*Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.*

Christ and an active member of the church. This is why we have a special program to prepare parents and godparents and to help them realize the importance of this responsibility.

### Age of Infant Baptism

Traditionally parents have their children baptized within a reasonable period after birth. Arrangements for baptism could be made before birth. Once children have reached the age of reason, seven, they would enter the Christian Initiation for Children, a two year journey of faith to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism.

**The process can take from 3 to 6 months. Please plan accordingly. The total Parent preparation time is less than three hours.**

### Summary of Steps for Having Your Child Baptized:

At least one parent must be a Catholic.

**Step One:** Complete the on-line Baptism Registration Form by visiting [holyfamily.org](http://holyfamily.org) website and upload copy of the child's birth certificate or abstract. You can also provide a hardcopy to the receptionist at the Pastoral Center.

**Step Two:** Attend the Parent Baptism Information Session. These sessions are on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm ending at 8:30 pm, and are held via Zoom or at the facilitator's home.

**Step Three:** Attend the Baptism Sacramental Preparation Session in the Church, with the child's godparents. Usually held the second Tuesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. Please register via Airtable after your parent meeting.

**Step Four:** Sign up for a baptismal date with the Holtsnider Pastoral Center receptionist.

**Note:** Once parents have attended both sessions, the godparents have attended the Preparation Session and all the paperwork has been secured by the receptionist at the Holtsnider Pastoral Center, **only then can the Baptismal date be selected.**

### Godparents

Being a godparent is a sacred vocation – a calling, an appeal to live something out in your life. Parents are calling godparents to be something special for their child: to set an example,

help teach their child about the Catholic faith, and have a lifelong relationship of prayer, faith sharing and love. Before asking someone to be your child's godparent, take some time to pray and reflect on their ability to be a shining example of a Catholic Christian.

1. Godparents must be at least **16 years old, Catholics who participate in Sunday Mass with a Roman Catholic faith community**, and are willing to accept the responsibility of supporting their godchild in faith. **If married, they must be married in the Church.**
2. The godparents need to attend the Godparent Preparation Session, which we offer here at Holy Family Church or via Zoom (or a Baptism class in their own parish. This class must be either in person or via Zoom. No paid on-line course certificates or those offered on-line at a Diocese will be accepted. If nothing is available in your area, register for one of the four Zoom classes or contact [Deaconcouple@holyfamily.org](mailto:Deaconcouple@holyfamily.org) so that other arraignments can be made. ).
3. One godparent is all that is required (A godmother or godfather). The second person can be a godparent as described above or a “Christian Witness (a baptized member of another Christian church). Non-Christians cannot be godparents or Christian sponsors.

### Additional Information:

1. Provide a copy or e-copy of the child's birth certificate / abstract and give your donation to the receptionist or on-line. Once you have attended both sessions, and the godparents have attended one, you may sign up for your child's Baptism date.

2. The dates for Baptism are on the other side of this sheet. Baptisms, except in emergencies, are not celebrated during Lent.
3. A candle is provided for each child being baptized. If the family/godparents are providing a candle or other items to be used in the service, please let the presider know before the ceremony begins.
4. A celebration for those recently baptized will be held on January 7h, June 23rd and October 6th 2024 during the 11:15 am Mass that weekend. (Dates subject to change)

### Questions:

Please contact the Holtsnider Pastoral Center if you have general questions relating to the Baptism of your child.

There is no charge to become a member of God's family. It is customary for families to offer a gift to the parish in thanksgiving for their child's Baptism. \$100.00 is a suggested offering. Thank-you for your generosity.

October 25, 2023